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Tin man
The numbers went up by 80 then 120 the very moment I lost contact with Wang... This could not have been a coincidence.
There's another Oz user lurking around here.
...IEF!
CHIEF KONDOU!

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How can I possibly stay idly on the sidelines when they just knocked Wang-san unconscious!? I want to be part of this battle too!
...Okina?
What are you doing here?
Chief...?
...I'll discipline you for abandoning your post later.
Eugh...
Wobble
Our top priority right now is to continue with the plan.
Wobble Wobble
A-are you feeling okay? You don't look too well...

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I was just talking about a full frontal assault... but what happened after that?
...AH, YES, OF COURSE, THE PLAN.
These episodes of memory loss I'm getting lately... I really need to have them looked into and taken care of.

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THE S.C. IS LOOKING ELSEWHERE, SO I GUESS WE'RE SAFE FOR NOW.
AH, YOU'RE BACK.
GIMME THE SUIT. I'M GONNA PATCH IT UP A BIT.
WE'RE LOOKING AT A GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION WITH GADGETS LIKE CLOAKING DEVICES DESPITE HAVING NO TIES TO THE MILITARY WHATSOEVER.
OH, AND I GOT A LEAD ON THE PERSON WHO SAW YOUR FACE.
THAT BASICALLY NARROWS IT DOWN TO THE OZ SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS H.Q.

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...WHENEVER YOU'RE READY, TELL ME ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED BACK THERE.
...IT SEEMED LIKE SOMEONE WAS ATTACKING US FROM AFAR. THE PERSON WHO VANISHED... I HEARD HER UTTER "SNIPER" OR SOMETHING...
AND IN THAT VERY MOMENT, THE JACKPOT WENT UP 80... FOLLOWED BY 120.
80 and 120... I recognize this pattern from before Yuuri picked up the card... It's not the puppet-master—
so does that mean another Oz user has joined the fray here on campus?
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The 80 must be some kind of helper tool... In other words, the 120 is the program with the sniper rifle capability!
Based on that it seems to always open with the 80...
And I've also seen an 80-100 combo before
The third Oz user here is running a 80 Oz program in conjunction with another.
Regardless, I've learned something about the enemy!
Yes! The 120 is the sniper rifle program! Knowing this is a fantastic gain for us!
...
NOBODY'S EVER DIED FROM AVATAR CORRUPTION. IT'S NOT LIKE SHE WAS AN OZ USER.
SO...ABOUT THE PERSON WHO WAS SHOT... IS SHE GOING TO...DIE...?
ALTHOUGH... I'D BE LYING IF I SAID THAT NOTHING BAD WILL COME OF THAT.

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I'VE LOOKED INTO IT IN THE PAST, BEFORE I MET YOU.
PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN TURNED INTO PUPPETS ALL START LOSING THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS BIT BY BIT.
MOREOVER, IN THE END, THEY ARE DRIVEN TO INSANITY. IT HAPPENS SOONER THAN LATER FOR SOME.
THE AVERAGE PERSON DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST AN O2 PROGRAM.
...SHE WAS CRYING.
HMM?
RIGHT BEFORE HER AVATAR VANISHED...
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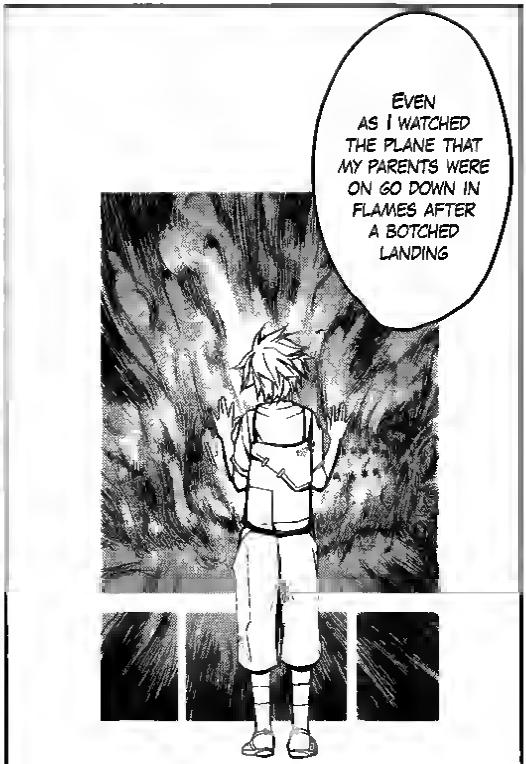

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THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS 'PAIN' IN THIS NEW WORLD, THEY SAID.
MOST PEOPLE WOULD CRY WHEN THEIR PARENTS PASS AWAY, WOULDN'T THEY? AND WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW I COULDN'T EVEN SHED A SINGLE TEAR, THE PAIN IN MY CHEST WORSENS. THAT'S WHY I CAME OVER HERE, TO GAIA.
AND YET THAT PERSON CRIED. SHE EXPERIENCED PAIN WHILE IN GAIA, DESPITE NOT BEING AN OZ USER.

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I DON'T HAVE ANY PARENTS, SO IT'S NOT LIKE I'D KNOW.
SO...I TAKE IT THAT IT'S NORMAL FOR PEOPLE TO CRY WHEN THEY LOSE THEIR PARENTS, HMM?
MAYBE I SHOULD'VE ASKED HER TO SHOW ME HOW TO CRY, HEH. AH, TOO BAD SHE'S IN A COMA...
OKAY, I'M DONE HERE. I'VE SENT IT BACK TO YOUR CARD.
HUH?
WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?
AHA! I KNOW!

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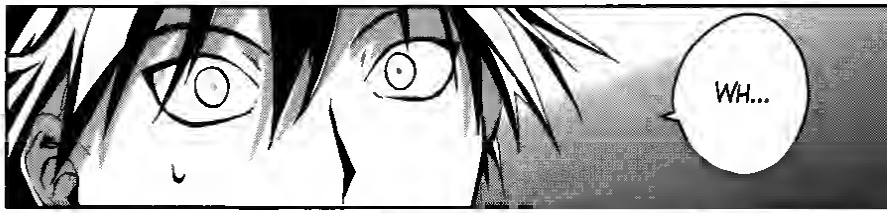
WHILE YOUR NAME'S STILL ON THE CARD, LET'S GET RID OF ALL THE OTHER OZ USERS, YEA?
AND THEN THE JACK-POT WILL BE YOURS FOR THE TAKING!



IF YOU SAY YOU'RE NOT IN IT FOR THE MONEY...
HEY, HEY! SLOW DOWN, WILL YOU?
FIVE BILLION YEN, YOURS TO BE SPENT ON ANY AND ALL OF LIFE'S PLEASURES! HOW'S THAT FOR MOTIVATION, HUH? JUST GET ME THAT CARD AND IT'S A DONE DEAL!

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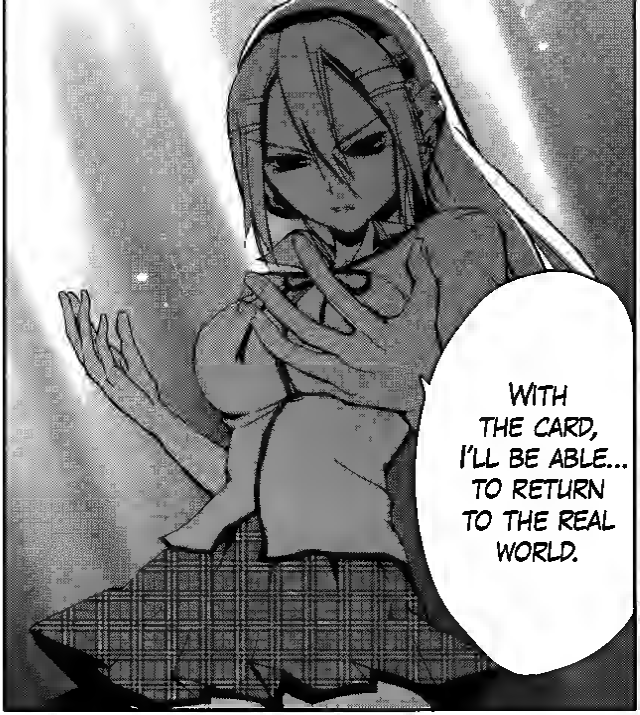

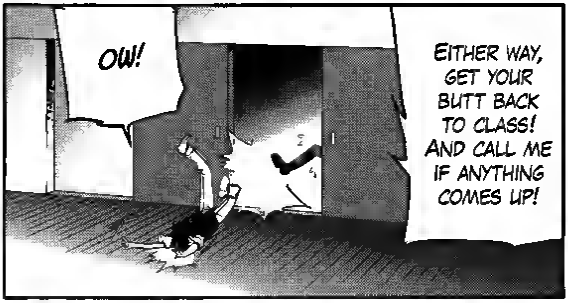

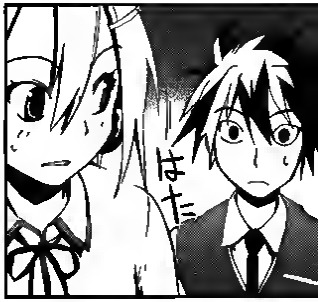

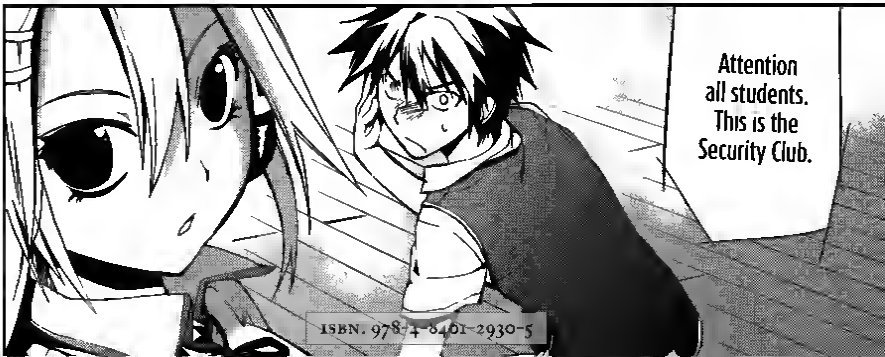

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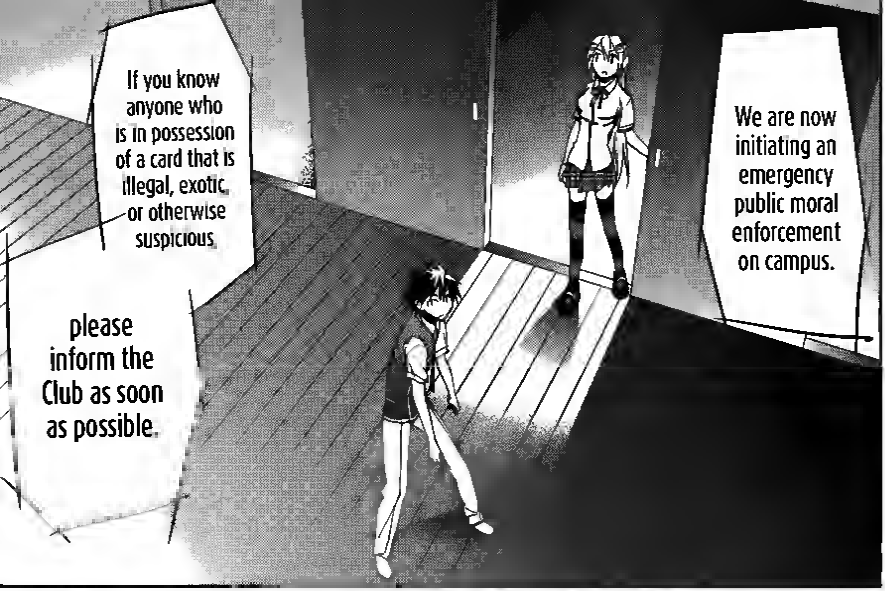
If you know anyone who is in possession of a card that is illegal, exotic, or otherwise suspicious,
please inform the Club as soon as possible.
We are now initiating an emergency public moral enforcement on campus.

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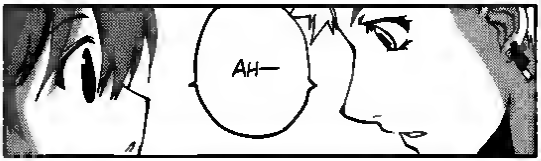

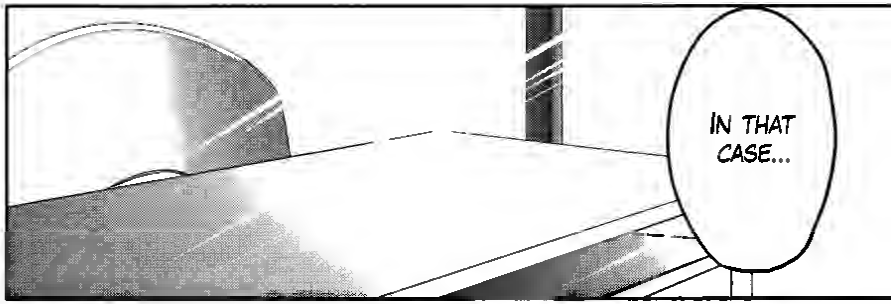

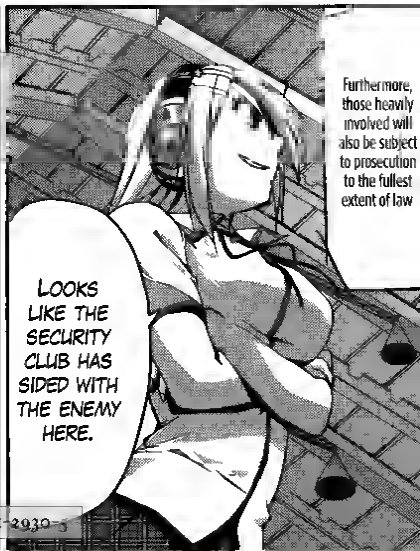
Furthermore, those heavily involved will also be subject to prosecution to the fullest extent of law
LOOKS LIKE THE SECURITY CLUB HAS SIDED WITH THE ENEMY HERE.

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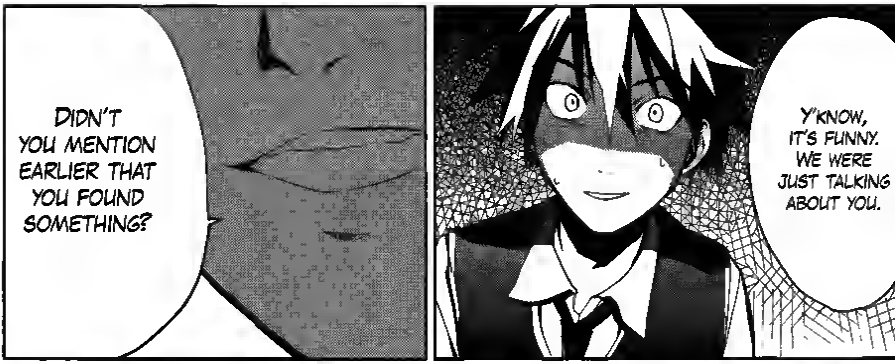

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...
AHAHA! MUST'VE BEEN A MIX-UP ON OUR PART THEN!
IT WAS PROBABLY NO BIGGIE ANYWAY!
AH?
WELL, NEVER MIND THAT! MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT'S NOT GOOD TO CUT CLASS ALL THE TIME, YUUUURI-KUN!
GEH!

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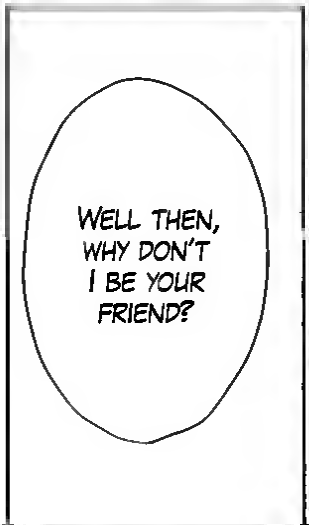

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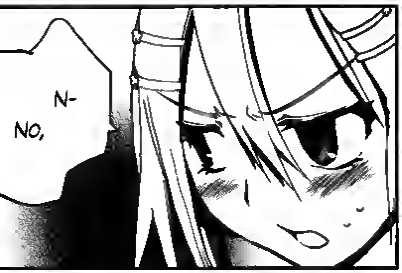

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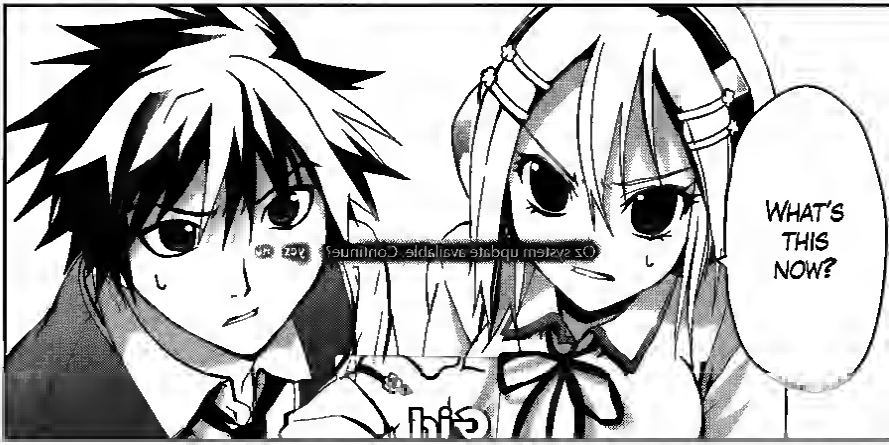

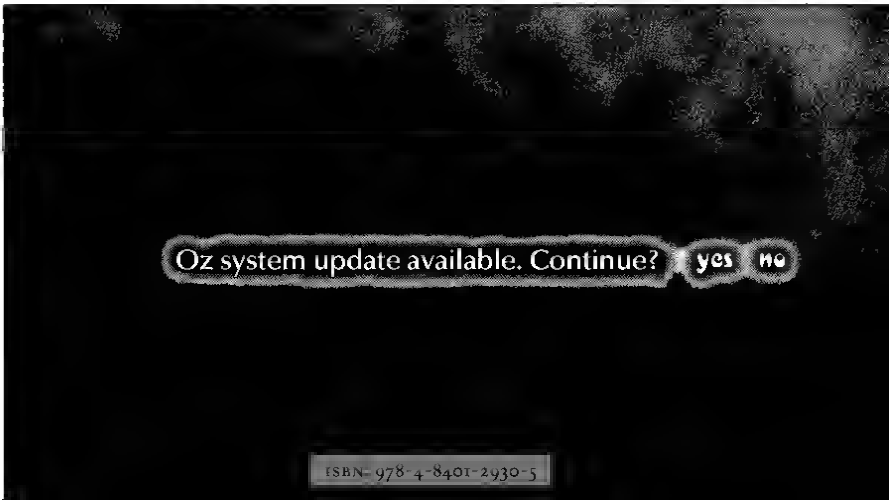

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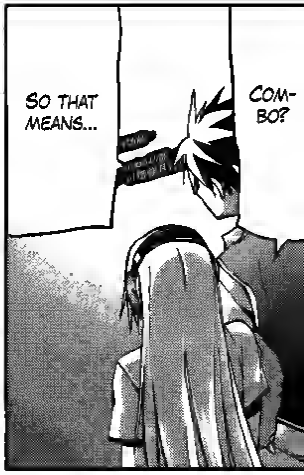
I...I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS HAPPEN BEFORE...
STAGGER
SYSTEM... UPDATE...?
PiPiPi
I should make my move before the others figure out how to use the card...
!

Oz version 0.3 changelog
Combo effect now finalized and no longer in beta phase.
Repeated use of a program within a three-second time frame may result in additional and/or amplified effects.

THAT WAS ALL FROM THE COMBO BONUS?
WHEN I WAS ON THE RUN EARLIER, I SPAMMED THE SILVER SHOES SO MUCH THAT ONE OF THE JUMPS WENT SUPER FAR... AND ALSO, THAT ONE TIME WHEN MY JUMP ALSO BROUGHT THE AMBUSHER ALONG...



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ON THAT NOTE, IF THE CARD'S MECHANICS CAN STILL BE UPDATED, THAT WOULD MEAN... THERE'S SOMEONE STILL MAINTAINING ITS SYSTEM?
Attention!! All those in posession of "the card!!"

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I repeat! All in possession of the card! Come out and surrender!
If you are one of the cardholders, you should know what I'm talking about!
CARD? WHAT CARD?
SPARE MY LIFE? REALLY NOW..
WHO'S THAT?
THE PUPPET-MASTER IS MAKING HIS MOVE...!
I NEED ALL AVAILABLE S.C. MEMBERS TO ME, NOW!

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What the hell is this card that they want so much...!?
Card this, card that...
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IS THIS THE PUPPET-MASTER'S DOING...!
HE'S TRYING TO LURE OUT THE PREY...
I repeat!

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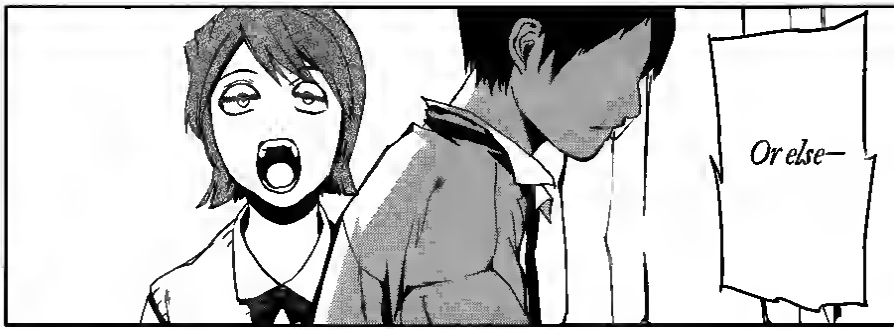

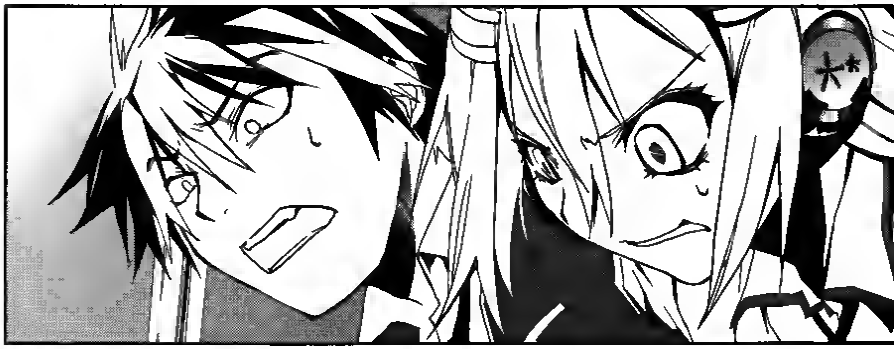

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But if we go out there now, we leave ourselves open to the sniper!
I repeat! All those in possession of the card...
Is he planning to hold the entire student body hostage, knowing that we're connected to this school?
WH-
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON DOWN THERE...?
...HEY, NATSU?

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CAN'T YOU TELL THIS IS A TRAP? HE WANTS TO PIT US AGAINST THE SNIPER SO HE CAN GRAB AN EASY WIN!
BUT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MADE INTO PUPPETS!
ARE YOU STUPID? GET BACK HERE!
ACK!
カチ
Practically all of them begin losing consciousness...

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All those in posession of the card! Come out and surrender!
!
NATSU—
AM I... TOO LATE, THEN?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO ACCOMPLISH, RUNNING OUT THERE WITH THAT DINKY 10-OZ PROGRAM, HUH?
ONCE AGAIN, ALL I CAN DO IS WATCH HELPLESSLY FROM THE SIDELINES...

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WELL THEN, WHY DON'T I BE YOUR FRIEND?
THE PUPPET MASTER SHOULD KNOW HOW TO REVERSE THE PROGRAM'S EFFECTS...
GAH! I'M JUST SAYING, I'M NOT MAKING ANY PROMISES HERE!
DORO-THY?
BETTER YET, IF WE CAN STEAL THE CARD AWAY...
!

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Y'know, there is still an IRC channel if you'd like to swing by and guilt-trip me into translating faster or something
Nick-alert me with "OMG HI ERI" or "WTF CADENZA" etc

#mixini @ irc.irchighway.net

Thanks to Nase as usual for the redraws and stuff

Other than that, I'm out of things to say.

(Unless you guys want to hear me bitch and moan about grad school.)

NO PAIN IN GAIA, THEY SAID
IT WILL BE FUN, THEY SAID